Here's

Plenty of them in Mackintoshes? this stock-taking sale at HALF PRICE.

Better stop in today and see at what little prices you can buy Men's Clothing now. For instance: Men's Sack Suits Half Price or One-third Off. Men's Cutaway Suits Half Price or One-third Off.

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All Neckwear One-third Off. And all sold under our usual guarantee of money back if you want it.

Robinson, Chery & Co., Twelfth and F Sts. N. W.

10c Broom Day.

Today we will sell three thousand 25c large three-string Carpet Brooms for TEN CENTS EACH.

4 LBS. SUGAR FREE.

We will give either four pounds best granulated Sugar or one dozen best fresh Eggs free to each purchaser of one dollar's worth or over of groceries from our price list. (Get price list at

Some Specials-Catifornia Evaporated Peaches, bc. 1b.; California Evaporated Apricots, 6c. lb.; California Evaporated Pears, 4c. lb. Steak Salmon, (large cans) 10c. each; Ginger Snaps, 4c. 1b.

is a matter of more than good taste; it is a matter of business. Can you afford to be ill-dressed, when we can fit you out for a few dollars? Your success in life largely depends on your being well dressed.

New York Clothing House,

311 Seventh Street Northwest.

MARINE ENGINEERS IN SESSION.

Reports Received and Committees

Named at Yesterday's Meeting. A meeting of delegates to the convention of Marine Engineers was held at Willard's Hotel yesterday. The session convened at

9:30 o'clock with President Unler in the

past year's work, and other reports of the past year's work, and other reports were heard upon the financial and general condition of the organization. Among those who addressed the meeting were senator Squires, Representative Hyde of Washington, and Commodore Metville.

Washington and Commodore Melville.

The reports submitted show the organization to be in excellent condition and a great amount of routine business was transacted such as

transacted, such as the appointing of com-

mittees, etc. The session will continue today at 9 a. m., when the election of officers will be taken up and other im portant matters discussed.

FOR COAST DEFENSE.

Fifty-nine Millions Required to Put

Them in Shape.

The Committee on Coast Defenses of the

Senate yesterday continued the bearing on

Senator Squire's bill to provide for forti

fications and coast defenses.

General D. W. Flagler, Chief of Ordnance

appeared before the committee and stated that about \$59,000,000 would be re-

quired to formsh the guns, mortars and all that is supplied by the Ordnance Bureau

to complete the defenses of the twenty-eight ports, including Puget Sound, for which

projects have been approved.

The committee is conducting the inquiry behind closed coors as much of the information gathered from the army officiers

formation gathered from the army officiers is of such character that it is not thought

for the test interests of the country to make

OLD BOARD RE-ELECTED.

Mutual Fire Insurance Company Holds

Its Annual Meeting.

The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of he District of Columbia yesterday held its

annual meeting of policy-holders at the office of the company, No. 902 Pennsyl-

The forey-list annual statement was

read by the secretary, which showed the affairs of the company to be in a prospersits condition, and the meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

the ensuing year.

The old board of managers, consisting of Jesse B. Wilson, Matthew G. Emery.

James W. Barker, George T. Bearing, Albanus L. J. Sinson, T. A. Lamberi, and W., A. H. Church, was elected.

His Will Unsigned.

A petition for probate of the will of the late John 8. De Lancey was filed yesterday. The instrument is unsigned, but it is said that there is sufficient proof that it is the genuine expression of Mr. De Lancey's last wishes and if this be true it will be admitted. It gives the present

be admitted. It gives the property to Maggie V. Flynn. It is not signed by witnesses and will not pass real estate, if any should be found.

Homeopathic College Incorporated.

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The Washington Homeopathic Medical College was incorporated resterday by F. H. Williams, M. D., W. W. Wright, Zalmon Richarda, C. T. Yoder, J. C. Parker, O. C. Hatton, and S. E. Gough, who are also trustees. Ten professorships are provided for and power is taken to confer degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of homeopathic medicine, master of homeopathics and doctor of dental surgery.

Fallure of a Druggist.

Edward J. Taylor, druggist, 1227 I street northwest, assigned his stock of goods yes-terday to John C. Chaney, for the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities aggre-gate, \$1,730.20. The value of the assets has not been computed.

An \$18 Sideboard--



Though to look at it you would suppose it cost at least \$25-it would at most stores.

Solid Oak-highly polished -with beveled plate glass mirror. A splendid piece of cabinet work. Very complete.... \$18

CASH OR CREDIT. Payments Arranged to Suit Your Convenience.

MAYER & PETTIT. Reliable Outfitters, 415 7th St. N. W.

"810"

Prices marked down all the time.

You don't need to wait for a special sale to be able to buy at minimum prices from us -Rubbers or Shoes.

MEN'S BALMORALS-calf en's Balmonals—can or kangaroc—medium or pointed tors—shoes that will keep your feet warm \$2.98

Stoll's "810"

Seventh St. N. W.

IF YOU PAY CASH for Butter, drop me a GIBBONS, Butter Dealer,

Commissioners Favor Bill Providing for Its Erection.

NO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Substitute Measure Is Proposed for the One Asking for the Creation of the New Office-Testamentary Sys tem of the District Is Thought to Answer All Purposes.

The Commissioners yesterday forwarded o Senator McMidan and Representative Babcock, chairmen respectively of the Sen ate and House District Committees, a let ter in support of House bill 2658, authoriz ing the erection of a municipal building and court-house for the District, which was referred to the board for its examination and report.

Among the reasons assigned for the favorable recommendations by the Commis ioners are, in substance, these:

The municipal offices of the District are at present housed in rented buildings. The accommodations afforded are not capacion enough either for the work of the em ployes or the convenience of the public. A number of the officers and many of the records occupy apartments separate from the present rented municipal building. The courts of the District are also illy accomnodated in the old city hall building. A new building having separate ports for the District government and the judiciary should be creefed upon Judiciary Square, upon and adjacent to the city han site. A structure of that character, which would be in keeping with the eignity of the capital of the nation, would invoive a cost

COST IN OTHER CITIES. Comparison with the cost of municipal suildings elsewhere shows that the demand for the Washington structure is monerate In Providence the cost was \$1,066,988 in Cincinnati, \$1,400,000 in luffalo, \$1,450,000; in Chicago, \$1,716,000; in Laitimore, \$3,000,000; San Francisco, \$5,000,000; Philadelphia, \$14,000,000. In concuming his letter President Ross says the board has estimated for \$100,600 to begin construction, and it is carnestly nopes that authority for the commence-ment of the building will be given without

or \$2,500,000, as proposed in the bill.

The Commissioners have sent to Congress with their favorable recommenda-tion a substitute for House bill 2653, reently submitted, which provided for the appointment of a public administrator for the District.

The substitute measure presents a very different soution of the problem under con-sideration to that offered in the first bal. President Ross, who signed the letter rabsmitting the substitute, calls attention o and indorses a letter from the attorney or the District, which presented the objections to the original niensure.

In his opinion Attorney Thomas says. The office of public administrator in the District is unnecessary, and the statistics furnished by Mr. Sylvester, chief clerk of the police department, show it. Aside from this we have what is generally ad-mitted to be one of the best festamentary

matted to be one of the best restainentary systems in this country. The passage of the bill—the one referred to—would interfere with existing law."
"In my opinion," concludes Mr. Thomas, "section 416 of the Revised Statutes relating to the District should be amended so as to provide for the personal estates of persons for which there is no clatmant administrator. Mr. Thomas prepared the substitute bill

with that object in view, and this is the one indersed-by the Commissioners yester-

WHAT IT PROVIDES. It provides in effect that all property of cass man \$40 in value that shad be taken as the effects of deceased persons and shall come into possession of the police property cerk, such be arented as omer articles in as possession and disposed of as abandoned property at the expiration of the year. If of more than \$50 in value the records shall be certified to the orthans' court and an administrator appointed.

Among the incidents recited by Chief

Among the incidents recited by Chlef Clerk Richard H. Sylvesier of the ponce department, whose letter is discussion of the measure accompanies the papers to Congress, is the case of a man man of Pat-erson, who died in this city in 1854, and it is noted to emphasize the necessity for ome provision in law for the disposition

of property thus taken.
"Buvid Patterson," he says, "died July
1, 1884, incedate and without leaving any
next of kin, so far as known. At the time
of his death he occupied a room in the

Federal building.

"The coroner round on the body \$655.10. which on July 19, 1894, he turned over to me as property clerk. Several years later, in obcdience to the orders of the Commis-sioners, as I held, in conformity with secion 416 of the Revised Statutes, and as had been the practice for years, I depos-ited the amount to the credit of the police-men's fund

"Seven years after Patterson's death on Kurtz, who claimed to have applied a salve o the sore back of the deceased during his ifetime, applied for letters of administra-

The case was taken to the court of appeals, where it was held that letters as ap plied for should issue, and Congress ap irrepriated the amount that had been de-posited to the credit of the policemen's fund to repay the administrator, with in-terest. This was the first interference with what had been the practice for over twenty

Mr. Sylvester says further that the Patterson case was the first that had come to his knowledge in over thirteen years of his experience, when the heirs

were not found and where the amount of money found exceeded \$100. CLEANING AWAY SNOW.

The omission from the urgent deficiency bill of the item asked for by the Commissioners for the emergent work of cleaning the streets of snow, as provided for under the act of March 2, 1895, is regarded with a good deal of regret at the District Building. The requirement is laid upon the Commissioners to do this work, but there is no mouey now available for the purpose,

is no mouey now available for the purpose, and should there come a heavy fall of snow such as covered the town last February, the District authorities will be powerless to execute the law.

There are over three hundred miles of gutters to be kept clear, to say nothing of the crossings that must also be kept open for a width of ten feet euch. In addition the unimproved streets are to be looked after, and there is but little more than \$35,000 now in hand for the entire work, which must last until June 30, next.

which must last until June 30, next. The Commissioners asked for \$30,000 for the specific matter required under the act quoted, and the argument in favor of the appropriation, as made before the Congressional committee, was that if it shall gressional committee, was that if it shall fortunately happen that the money is not needed, it can be conveyed back into the Treasury. If, however, there should be urgent need for the fund, there will be no means of supplying it, and the law will simply be a dead letter.

Casper Weibezehl has been a ppointed an additional private on the Metropolitan police force, for duty at the school build-ing now being constructed at the corner of First and Pierce streets northwest. It has been ordered by the Commissioner that steam engineers' licenses be issued as follows: First-class, Henry E. Klant; third class, Charles C. Lawrence and L. E.

A Mighty Rush.

Lansburgh's Rink was a busy place yesterday, the first day of their colosed dearing out sale of odds and ends and sur-

Notwithstanding the bad weather they broke all previous records in the number of sales—3,976 being the astonishing num-

ber reached.
This wonderful sale, in which goods are being sold as low as one-quarter of original prices, will last all this week.



taken at random from our mark - down Shoe sale:

Ladles' Misses' Child's and Boys Shape'y and Durable Shoes that you pay \$1.25 for every-where—reduced during this sale

ELIABLE SHOE HOUSES.

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South Washington Citizens Feel They Have Been Slighted.

THAT CREMATORY NUISANCE

ecretary Story Read a Letter from Atlantic City That Putsa New Light on Dr. Woodward's Report-James Creek Canal and Street Obstruction Also Talked Over.

The South Washington Citizens' Associa ion met last night in the gynnasium hail of the Washington Athletic Club, with President C. C. Winters in the chair.

The business was confined mainly to the reception of reports from the various com mutees; last night's meeting being cailed in continuation or the adjourned meeting of January 6.

Ab those questions which affect the inerests of South Washington were discussed. and many of those present were outspoken winch the District Commissioners have legislated against south Washington and arried a dear ear to the pleasings of its people.

Creek Canal and the South Capaci street ariage were given the non's stare of the time of the association, and the commuttees, as a rule, reported that little prog-ress had been made along the lines desired by the people of the southern section of the

CREMATORY PROUGHT IN. Secretary H. Story touched on the matter of the crematory by saying that Health ascussion arged the practicability of the Attantic City pian, and and at various times made the caum that the crematory as oge-erated at that city was succession and not arjunous enter to the neutro or the prop-

city rights of the people.

are every insulation gently that the Dis-net health other han not confined amised ariety within the trath and lead a lever rom a personar linguo at Atlantic Cay in which the writer sugmatized the Atlantic my plan as 8 tange and a rounder and taken that the people there were as much exercised over the obtained the cuma-ory as were the people here. The writer, whose tame Secretary Story

aid not give, states that the objection of me people as Attantic City was based on the grounds that the crematory plant should have been located without the city limits arr. it. J. Comms stated that he proposed to arrange a tables bowing the assessed value. of real estate in Couth Washington and the imount disbersed by the District Govern-

REAL ESTATE VALUES. The ratio of assessed value to market value was relatively high in South Washogion. The question of the obstruction of public streets by dumps and parked rail-coad cars was considered. The question was asked why the Amerostia Railread has abandoned itselline from Fourth to Elev-cuth street seatheast and from second to each street southeast and from Second to eventh street southwest, and the matter ould be carried before the Commissioners The committee on James Creek Canal re-oried some progress in the direction of converting the open sewer into a closed sewer. The association maintained its

oute of the proposed new bridge.

Mr. Collins caffed attention to the adcerse report made by the Commissioners
in the proposal of a new telephone comany in the District, and it was voted that specially In this regard, "competition is be life of trade."

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Some of those present were Messrs, Ber-nard Leonard, James F. Shea, Dr. C. C. Winters, H. Storey, Charles Schoffer, Brown, Gatchel, Hennessey, Obeman, Martin, sr., Martin jr., Miller, R. J. Collins, J. B. Prout, and Charles Russell.

ESTATE OF JOHN D. MONELL.

Distribution of Divers Sums Among Numerous Creditors.

Mr. John B. Larner yesterday filed with Register of Wills J. Nota McGill an assignnent of the interest of William T. Russell, of Goshen, N. Y., in the estate of the late barner, as trustee for the payment of Mr.

Larner, as trustee for the payment of Mr.
Russell's creditors here.

The distribution is directed as follows:
Nathaniel C. Coléman, \$2,500; Mary J.
Beyea, \$2,500; Miss Sarah E. Drake, \$2,500;
Thomas E. Banker, \$1,200.

From any balance George T. Wisner, of
Goshen, N. Y., is to be paid what Mr.
Any halance remaining is

Russelloweshim. Any balance remaining is a be invested for Mr. Russell, after paynent of any other existing debts.

GERMAN BLACK KNIGHTS.

Annual Dress Ball Last Night at Masonic Temple: The German Order of Black Knights held its annual dress ball last night at the Masonic

Temple. Dancing began at 9 o'clock and continued until the early hours of moru. continued unto the early hours of morn.
Following are the committees: Arrangement, Mesrs. Mose Ostheimer, William Hannemann, Charles Gerner, William Stuchrmann, John Bender, E. C. Linden and Paul Buchler: reception, John Reif, Frank Reckeweg, John Bucchling and Frank Seebode; floor, Frank Herrman, M. Pach, George Mayer, Julius Fink and John C. Ewald.

To Make Employers Liable. Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts, has intro-duced in the House the bill heretofore offered by Mr. Lodge in the Senate, relating to the mability of employers in the District to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employes in their service.

To Give Wages Preference Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts, has intro-luced in the House the bill presented in the senate by Mr. Lodge, providing for the preferment of wages of employes in cases of assignment execution, in payment of receivers, etc., in the District of Columbia.

For a General Encampment. Mr. Brumm of Pennsylvania, has intro-duced in the House a bill appropriating \$5,000,000 to mobilize at some central point, for at least ten days, between July 15 and August 25. of 15,000 regular soldiers and marines and all the State militia and those belonging to the District of Columbia.

Commissioners' Side in Street Extension Case.

FILING MAP NOT ENOUGH

gued That the Recording of Drawings Took Away the Rights of Citizens-Opinion That the Benefits Were Unconstitutional Assessments.

Government's Counsel, However, Ar-

in the award for street extension made by the jury in the Dennison & Leighton sub-division was heard by Judge Cox yesterday afternoon. Further consideration of the motions for a

The Commissioners' side of the argument

ew trial was adjourned till Wednesday

Property owners were represented yesterday by Gen. William Birney, Messrs. Nathaniel Wilson, Chapin Brown, W. L. Cote, Donald McPherson, L. H. McReynolds, Arthur O'Connor, J. H. Lichliter and others. Special Attorneys A. B. Worthington and nucl Maddox represented the District. As told by the Evening Times yesterday Mr. Wilson closed his argument for lot olders by reading Mr. Wortnington's own Prospect Hill Cemetery case. He said ironically that he supposed Mr. Wortungton would say the argument here applied only to the particular case. He also cited Judge Cox's decision in the Rock Creek Park case against the assessment of benefits, Mesers, Panpin, Brown and C. H. Armes followed. Mr. Brown called attention to he differences in the Dennison & Leighton ward from that in the Ingleside smally sion. Mr. Armes argued that the benefits were unconstitutional assessments and that the land could not be taken for such com-pensation as proposed.

MR. MADDOX ARGUES. Mr. Maddox, for the government, said in very State, where not forbidden expressly, enefits are assessed in taking land for private purposes.

The fling of the map, he said, was ont a

preliminary step and need not interfere in the least with the rights of owners. The claim that Congress should have appropriated money to pay for the haid was unreasonable, because it was impos-sible to te-thow much would be needed, and Congress could not appropriate an indefinit

arr. Worthington followed, saying the government did not want to cause nardship to any citizen. If the coart should find that the general benefits, under the operation of the act, became excessive, the government would not object to their disaflowance. It was only desired that not too much be pult for the land taken. But prospective benefits, he insisted, should be assessed. This is in accordance with general usage.

The assessment of half the cast of The assessment of half the cost of he improvement against the property left to owners, he said, was in accordance with the rule everywhere, except that assaily the tolat est was assessed against the land benefited. That was true everywhere except here and in Boston. It was ne in the original laying out of the city. Mr. Worthington said he quite accidentally picked up in New York recently a copy of the revised statutes of llimois. He found that while the Illinois constitution is precisely the same as the Federal Constitution, the statute providing for condemnation

proceedings goes on all fours with the law ander discussion. There was never any ob-jection to it as unconstitutional. He said there may be a constitutional and unconstitutional construction of the law-in that case the court would take the con-

ditutional construction. As to the provisions to may for the lands taken, he said, Congress could not appropriate for lands whose cost has not been determined. In the opinion of the late Justice Miler, if this is not actually promibited by law, it ought to be. FILING THE MAP.

He dealed that the filing of the map con-stituted the taking of the land, as argued. He insisted that Congress might have pro-uided for the laying out of streets on such a map and keeping the map as of record without even proposing to condemn lands and lay out streets. Such action, he insisted, would never be considered as equivalent to taking the land for street purposes.

Mr. Wilson admitted this and fail he did not argue that the making and fining of the real proposed to taking the land. the map amounted to taking the land "I certainly so understand," said Mr.

that the recording of the man took away no rights of citizens. He cited the Good-fellow case to show that while it is claimed the provision of the law requiring subdi-visions to conform to the proposed street ex-tension plans render it unconstitutional, the court held there that the provision is wise

and salutary.

There is no inw. he continued, which compels Congress to improve any street. That body might leave out all provision for improving the streets from the appropriation bill and yet the appropriation not fail en-tirely. Congress might even enact that the streets should not be improved and there could be no process of the courts by which the streets could be compelled to be improved.

improved.

The city would be left in much the condition as endured before the war. The principal argument against the law, if true, was that it was in the interest of the land syndicates who were to profit by it very argely. But here come these very land where protesting against the law. The

owners protesting against the law. The two together form a strong argument in favor of the law.

"It shows that the law is satisfactory to nobody," remarked Mr. Brown.

It was found that counsel on both sides vill be occupied elsewhere tomorrow, and he hearing was adjourned to 10 a. m.

FOR MISSYAW'S CONCERT.

ale of Seats Will Open at Metzerott's

At 9 o'clock this morning the first seat for the concert by Miss Ellen Peach Yaw at Metzerott Music Hall next Satur-Yaw at Metzerott Music Hall next Saturday night will be put on sale at the box office. The desire to hear this wonderful singer is so great that the management have decided to open the sale this early in the week so that all may have an opportunity to obtain a place without the necessity of standing for many hours in line.

At a recent concert which Miss Yaw gave at Carnegie Hall in New York the immense structure was packed to the doors immense structure was packed to the doors. immense structure was packed to the doors, and although the seats were placed on sale many days in advance, the rush for them was so great that over \$2,000 worth were sold during the first five hours that the box office window was open. All over the country, wherever she has been, Miss Yaw's audiences have been noted for their social quality and distinguished appear-ance, as well as size. In New York her concerts were under the patronage of such well-known people as Mayor and Mrs. William L. Strong, Hon. Chauncey Depew, Hon. Conrad N. Jordon, the Misses Jordon, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Duval, Mr. and Mrs. William Sherer, Henry Sanford, esq., Rev. Sanford Hunt, D. O. Mills and H. B. Plant

Installation of Officers.

Mizpah Council. No. 3, Daughters of America, has installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Junior past councillor, J. H. Gregory; assistant junior past councillor, Mrs. J. K. Johnson; councillor, Mrs. A. M. Vaux; assistant councillor, E. S. Waimer; vice councillor, Miss K. V. Weast; assistant vice councillor, Miss G. F. Robinson; assistant vice councillor, Miss G. F. Robinson; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. G. F. Robinson; assistant recording secretary, G. F. Robinson; treasurer, A. M. Vaux; conductor, S. M. Dixoe; warden, A. C. Newman; inside sentinel, Miss Maggle Riley; outside sentinel, Mrs. M. A. Vaux; trustees, for eighteen months, Mrs. M. A. Vaux; for twelve months, Mrs. J. E. Brown; for six months, E. S. Walmer. Installation of Officers.

The Rink.

The Rink.

Stupendous Clearing Sale

ORIGINAL PRICES

During our colossal one-week

Clearing Sale of Odds and Ends and Surplus Stock.

Enormous crowds took advantage of these revelation prices yesterday, notwithstanding the inclement weather. If you were put to any inconvenience by not being promptly waited on, we must apologize; we confess we did not anticipate such a tremendous rush.

We have made better arrangements today, and can assure you prompt attention.

All Rugs and short lengths of Carpet, separate pairs of Curtains, odd pieces of Furniture, Chamber, Parlor and Dining room Suites are included in this sale.

As we lose money on these goods, we can sell them at these prices for cash only.

Lansburgh's Rink, New York Avenue, bet. 13th and 14th.

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Every Suit and Overcoat at ON THE DOLLAR

OF ORIGINAL PRICES Remember-minutes mean money to

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\$10 Suits and Overcoats—now \$5.00. Suits and Overcoats-now \$7.50.

\$18 Suits and Overcoats—now \$9.00.

\$20 Suits and Overcoats—now \$10.00. \$25 Suits and Overcoats-now \$12.50.

\$30 Suits and Overcoats—now \$15.00. Every garment sold by us will be kept in repair one year free of charge.

621 Pa. Ave. N. W. Under Metropolitan Hotel.

LEWIS-PILLING SUIT. Business Differences Led to Personal Hostilities.

A suit instituted by Mr. R. Byrd Lewis as attorney, yesterday tells of a big right between some members of the Lewis family and John W. Pilling, the real estate Mr. William F. Lewis, in an affidavit ac-

companying the bill filed, says Mr. Pilling told him December 10, 1895, that he intended to "crush the whole Lewis family rom off the face of the earth." Mr. Lewis told him as they had never met before he did not see why he should be in-Mr. Pilling replied that the sins of the

father ought not to be visited upon the son. The case involves, Mr. R. B. Lewis said, an accounting for \$160,000.

an accounting for \$160,000.

John H. Lewis, the complainant, is a contractor and builder. He says that in 1890 Mr. Pilling, who is an adjunct to the real estate business of Thomas E. Waggaman, proposed to him to enlarge his building operations. Mr. Pilling would supply the money. They went in together, baught has extensively, and Mr. Lewis put his notes for large sums into Mr. Pilling's hands. In the course of transactions he sold outright to Mr. Pilling notes aggregating \$45,000 for \$37,000, giving him \$8,000 profit. He trusted Mr. Pilling implicitly, not only as a gentleman, but as a friend and confidential adviser. He also gave Mr. Pilling \$9,000 as a commission to prevent forced sales, as he understood it. ales, as he understood it.

sales, as he understood it.

Recently the sale of houses at Nos. 712
to 722 L street northeast belonging in part
to Mr. Lewis, were advertised for sale to
satisfy a trust. In this Mr. Pilling, he alsatisfy a trust. In this Mr. Pilling, he alleges, has not treated him fairly, and he
asks that the sale be enjoined. He also
asks that Mr. Pilling be forced to give him
an accounting on all his notes and their
transactions generally, and also be obliged
to make him good on all forced sales in the
course of their business.

A restraining order was granted by Chief
Justice Bingham.

GROWTH OF THE FEE SYSTEM. Mr. Cannon Calls the Attention of the

House to Its Abuse. Mr. J. G. Cannon of Illinois, chairman of he Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, in his report on the urgency deficiency bill now pending before the House, calls attention once more to the enormous expenses entailed by the fee system of paying United States Com-missioners, marshad, district attorneys and

clerks. The abuses of justice perpetrated under this system have been conducted by every this system have been conducted by every attorney general since 1878, but each Congress, when appealed to, has declined to apply the remedy by establishing a system of fixed salaries. Chairman Cannon states that the deficiency for expenses of United States courts for the current year amounts to over three million dollars, indicating a growth of expense in this branch of service of over 100 per cent. The report adds:

"That these expenditures are abnormal, and that some reform in the law should be instituted, the committee are well satis-fied; but under the rules of the House they have no power in the premises other than to recommend the appropriations which are necessary to meet the demands of this branch of the public service as they arise under existing law, and to express the earnest hope and recommendation that the THE GREAT

Half-Price Sale

Every Suit in the House 50c On the Dollar!

H. Friedlander & Bro.. Cor. 9th and E Sts.

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yard wide, best quality,

beautiful new patterns,

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HOUSE & HERRMANN, "Home Furnishers," 917-919-921-923 Seventh St.-636 Mass.

HOTELS

HOTEL WARNER. 470-472 Pennsylvania avenue north-west, near 6th street. Business men's bunch, 12 to 2 o'clock, 25c.: table d'hote dinner, 4:80 to 7:80 p.m. 60c. oc23-3m

proper committee or committee.

House will take up the matter without de-lay during this session, with a view to the enactment of proper legislation."

Susan May Johnson was vesierday given a divorce from Frank E. Johnson and cus-tody of their two children, Ruth May and Helen Marguerite. The papers are with-heid. Chief Justice Bingham heard the

Granted a Divorce.